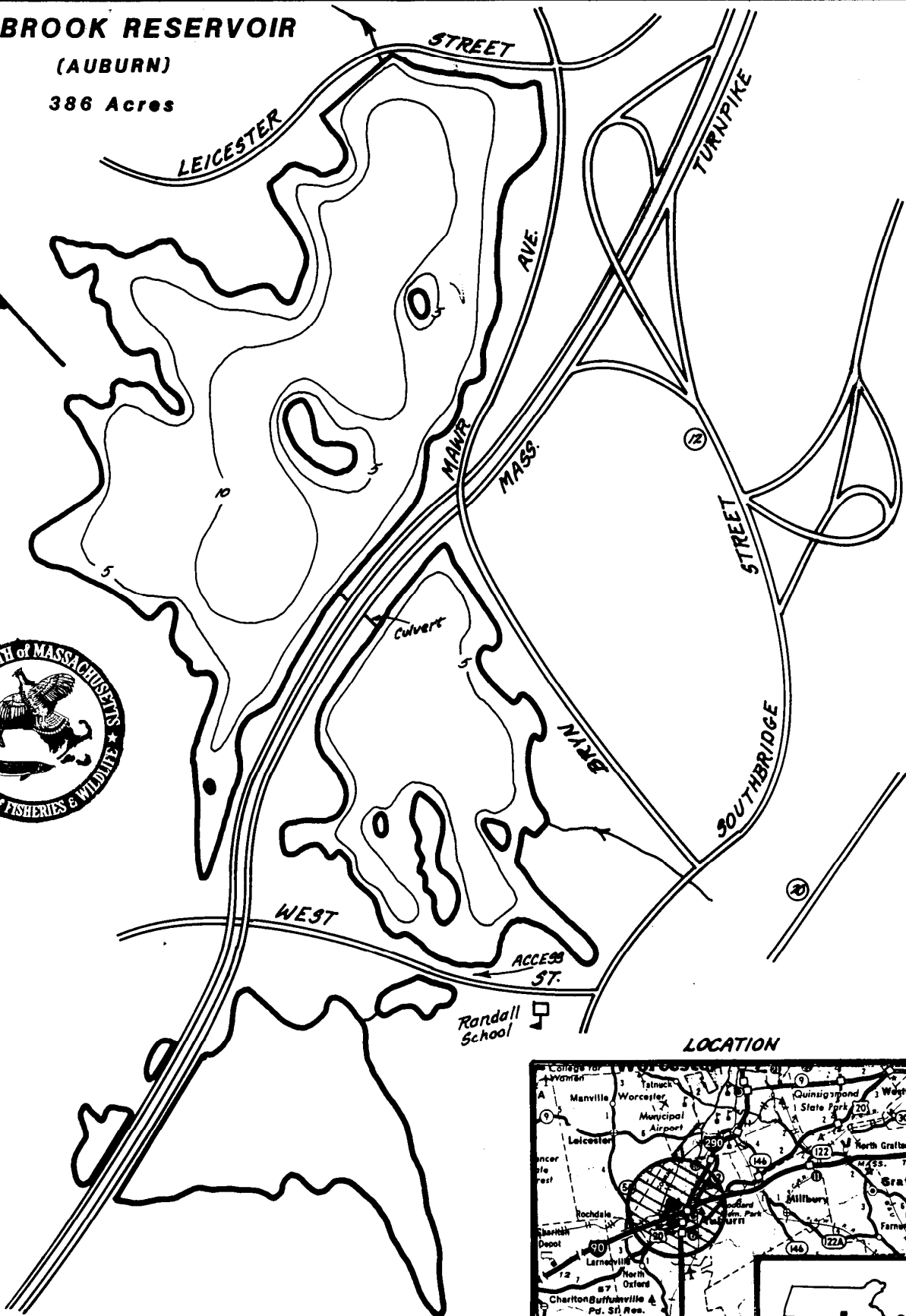


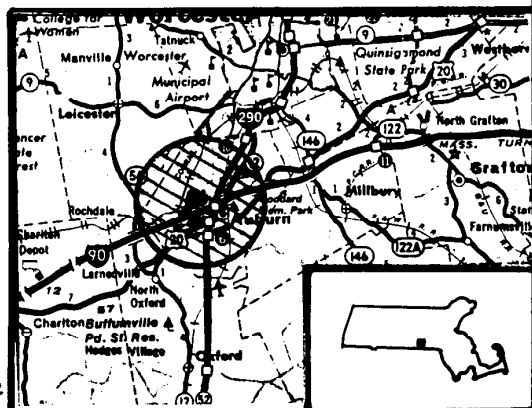
DARK BROOK RESERVOIR

(AUBURN)

386 Acres



LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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General Information:

Also called "Electric Pond," this 386-acre warm water reservoir offers good access for both shore and boat fishing. Sporadic fish sampling over the years indicated the typical mixed warm water species complex. Watercolor is on the dark side as evidenced by a transparency of only three feet. The mean and maximum depths are eight feet and 16 feet respectively. A cinder ramp is located off West Street across from Randall School. Although the Massachusetts Turnpike bisects the pond, boats can easily travel through the culvert for fishing on either side of the turnpike.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1981 summer survey. Nine species were collected including largemouth bass, brown bullheads, black crappie, white perch, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, yellow perch, golden shiners and yellow bullheads. Chain pickerel are also known to be present. A stocking of tiger muskies went into the reservoir in 1981. Northern pike were stocked here in 1987 and 1990.

Fishing:

Dark Brook Reservoir is a good spot to go to if you desire some leisurely shore fishing for panfish. It appears to be a fairly good pond for black crappie. The occasional big largemouth bass is caught here, but for the most part, bass fishing can only be rated as average. While few pike or muskies have ever been caught here, these are long lived fish and the possibility always exists for a trophy catch.

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